

Dear Colleague,

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) created the United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and required them to adopt Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG). The Committee on House Administration would like to invite you and/or your staff to a briefing by EAC personnel on the VVSG, which were adopted in December 2005.

The briefing will take place on Monday, April 3, 2006 in the House Administration Committee Hearing Room, 1310 Longworth House Office Building, from 2:30 PM until 3:30 PM.

The VVSG provides a set of specifications and requirements against which voting systems can be tested to determine if the systems provide all the basic functionality, accessibility, usability and security capabilities required of those systems. In addition, the guidelines establish evaluation criteria for the national certification of voting systems. States may decide to adopt them entirely or in part prior to the effective date of December 2007.

We hope you or someone from your staff will be able to attend this important briefing. Please contact Audrey Perry (majority x5-8281) or Tom Hicks (minority x5-2061) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

S/Vernon J. Ehlers  
Chairman

S/Juanita Millender-McDonald  
Ranking Member